

CLAIMS

1. A composition for preventing or alleviating symptoms associated with varicose veins of lower extremities wherein the composition contains eicosapentaenoic acid.
2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is a food, a dietary suppliment, a cosmetic, or a quasi drug.
3. A prophylactic and therapeutic agent for varicose veins of lower extremities which contains eicosapentaenoic acid as its effective component.
4. The prophylactic and therapeutic agent for varicose veins of lower extremities according to claim 3 wherein the effective component is ethyl ester of the eicosapentaenoic acid.
5. Use of eicosapentaenoic acid in the manufacture of a prophylactic and therapeutic agent for varicose veins of lower extremities.

6. A method for preventing and treating varicose veins of lower extremities by using eicosapentaenoic acid.